

The Badge was designed by Allen D. Steinhilber  
an artist & an ornithologist & every detail of the bird  
~~that~~ is perfect, so the proportions should be kept, i.e., for example  
relation of body & wings.

The Lark as the P. U.S. badge was chosen in 1910.

The Columns-brown ~~white~~ for the lark, blue for the  
sky.

The Circle bearing Parnes Union School & the  
P.U.S. motto signifies <sup>(a)</sup> That Men & P.U.S.  
children all over the world ~~at~~ that they are  
brought together by the same motto, doing the same  
work. (Incidentally there are an some species of lark  
in my Continent).

The bird is a rising & singing lark & the reason  
connected it with Wordsworth poem "To the Skylark"  
"True to the kindred plains of Idleness & Home".

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Parents' Union School Badge. We have not felt that our present badge, however apt its significance, has been artistic enough in design and material to be an emblem of the Parents' Union School. Mrs. Bishop has generously presented us with a really worthy emblem in memory of her son Eric, whose invalid life was gladdened and filled with many interests by the School to which he was greatly attached. Indeed the idea of a badge was his own, as the following note testifies:-

Dear Miss Mason,

Vera and I think it would be nice if the P.U.S. could have a badge with a motto, if the other children would like it.

Your loving,

Eric Bishop.

Sunnyhill, Wimbledon,  
June 25th, 1903.

Miss Dorothea Steinthal an artist in metal work (the daughter of our old friend "Aunt Mai" who has done invaluable work for the P.U.S.) has made us a beautiful design in oxydised silver, which you will all, I think, value very much. The badges will be on sale at the Conference (June 15th) (price 2/- each), but orders may be sent to the P.N.E.U. Office (2/3 including postage). Miss Steinthal writes:-

Dear Miss Mason,

The new badge will soon be ready for the children who are members of the Parents' Review School. I think they will like to know it is their old badge only in a new form, and that this new form has been made in memory of Eric Bishop, who loved the school very dearly.

Only the daisy has been added to the symbol of the lark soaring, "True to the kindred points of heaven and home," and the school motto, ~~Xixsan~~; "I am, I can, I ought; I will" because the daisy is the symbol of childhood.

Yours affectionately,

Dorothea Steinthal.

Mount Stead,  
Bed-Rydding, Yorks.  
April 8th, 1915.

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A Badge and Colours for the School.

Dear Editor, At a recent meeting of the Students Association in London much regret was expressed that no action had been taken in regard to a letter from Eric Bishop<sup>A</sup> long since published in the Review asking whether the children of the Parents' Union School could not adopt a common badge by which they might recognise each other and which would be a tangible proof of their love, loyalty and corporate feeling.

Several schools and pupils have since expressed the same wish, and we should be very glad if you would enable us to take concerted action by appealing through the columns to all the children of the Parents' Union School, whether in home school-rooms or in affiliated schools, to give their ideas and support. At the London meeting several suggestions were made as to the nature of the badge which we submit to be considered by the children themselves.

It was proposed that it should take the form of a small enamel medal, with possibly a hat band bearing the same design upon it for the benefit of boys as well as girls.

Whatever "totem" is chosen the motto of the school must of course be included, "I am, I ought, I can, I will." One delegate proposed the "fyirōf" already well known to Winchester people, but that of course already has associations of its own. The most popular suggestion was the lark "true to the kindred points of heaven and home," and also the embodiment of that "spirit of delight" which is so often the result of our children's training though not its chief aim. There is something of the spirit of our motto in "who singing ever soars and soaring ever singeth." However, the children's badge ought to be chosen by the children, and to them through you we appeal.

Hoping that a large and enthusiastic band of P.U.S. children may soon enrol themselves as badge-wearers.

Yours etc.,

The House of Education Students' Association.

(Votes and suggestions should be sent as soon as possible to the Hon. Secretary of the Students' Association - Miss L. Gray, 5, Old Palace Lane, Richmond.£).



Dear Editor,

At the last meeting of the Students' Association in London, there was a discussion as to how the suggestion that the children of the Parents' Union School should choose their own Badge and Colours, could be made practicable.

It was resolved to ask, through the Parents' Review - with your permission - that all the children of the School should send their ideas on the subject to you, as you have most kindly promised to select the best and most suitable of those sent. In this way we hope to meet the wishes of all Parents' Union School children.

To give some idea of what is wanted, we have drawn up the following regulations:-

(1) There must be a verbal description of the design of the Badge and Colours, and, when possible, a coloured drawing should accompany it.

(2) The finished Badge must not exceed 1 1/2 inches in length, though the drawing of it may be larger.

(3) The design must be suitable to the material (Silver enamelled), in which it is proposed to carry it out.

(4) The idea must be entirely the child's own, but help may be given in the drawing.

(5) The design should be simple.

(6) All drawings and descriptions must be sent to Miss Mason, at the House of Education, Ambleside, not later than November 1st, 1908.

The following excellent suggestion by two children was read at the Meeting:-

"We want the colours to be blue and green: blue for the sky and green for freshness. The Badge. The little lark on one side with 'Soaring ever singeth and singing ever soars' underneath. On the other side a little winged Mercury to represent Swiftness and Prompt Obedience. The Badge to be round to show that the children are linked together."

We hope that many suggestions will be forthcoming.

Thanking you very much for your kindness in promising to act as judge.

Yours etc.

The House of Education Students' Association.

(We think it is a pity that the pupils of the School should not make the final decision but do not see how this can be managed. We hope to receive many suggestions as interesting as that given above. The motto of the School, "I am, I can, I ought, I will," has been suggested for one side of the Badge, and we have had one or two great ideas for the reverse, as "True to the kindred points of heaven and home." - Ed.)



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Parents' Union School Badge.

The Lark, as the School Badge, has had a large majority of votes. We hope, in January, to publish some other interesting suggestions that have been received from various pupils, and we wish we could insert the exceedingly interesting sketches which have accompanied the suggestions. It has been decided to adopt the Lark with the Parents' Union School motto: "I am, I can, I ought, I will." Blue and white and blue and brown have been suggested for the colours. It is suggested that there should be hat-bands and pendants, or safety-pin brooches. Estimates for these will be obtained and published in the January number of the Parents' Review. As the cost will largely depend upon the number of badges wanted, it is hoped that as many children as possible will write for them.

We think that members of the Parents Union School will like to know that the programmes and examination questions sent to them go also to members of the School in the Transvaal (S. Africa), Uganda (E. Africa), Ceylon, Burmah, India (United Provinces), Federated Malay States, Madagascar, Chili (S. America), Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Tasmania.



Letters About the Badge

I.

Colours. Brown and blue. Brown because the earth is usually that colour, and blue because it is the colour of the sky.

Badge. A shield with a margin bearing the motto. "I am, I can, I ought, I will." In the left-hand corner a beaver (for industry). In the right a river (for always going on and never backwards). At the bottom, linked hands (for all the schools joined together).

Betty and Margaret Thornton (10 and 11).

Colours. Blue and green.

Badge. Round, with an arrow for swiftness - Vivien Wiglesworth (14).

~~Colours XXXX Blue and green~~

Colours. Pink and white.

Badge. A shield with three lions on (for strength), and round "I am, I can, I ought, I will." Elaine Pinney (7)

Colours. Navy blue and green.

Badge. An oval with a margin bearing motto, and inside P.U.S. Audrey Bodle (9)

Colours. Blue and green.

Badge. Shield with a lily (for "goodliness") and the school motto round it - Jack Glover (8)

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II. The Badge is round to show the Unity of Purpose in the Parents' Union School; the acorn is for strength, endurance and steady growth; the snowdrops are for simplicity, purity and modesty.

The Colours are green and white; green for growth and white for all the virtues, as all colours together make white. The background of the snowdrops to be silver; that of the acorns to be white enamel. - Dorothy Eady.

III. Please record for the Edgenill pupils the following votes: for the Lark, 15; and other suggestions are the Sparrow, because it can be found everywhere; the Eagle, because it looks at the sun without fear, and the Bower of Fortitude, because you need it being educated! Edgenill, Wadhurst, Sussex.

IV. I should like the Badge to be a brooch and in the shape of a clover leaf, "three in one," to show that we are one in God. The goddess of wisdom, Minerva, to represent Learning, an arrow for swiftness and prompt obedience, and a lantern to show that we must walk in God's light, to be in the three parts of the leaf. I wish the Colour to be green, as it is the colour of Nature.

Rosemary Baird (13).



V. I should like the Badge to be oblong, in the form of a pendant, surrounded by a chain, to show that we are all linked together. The Colours in pale green and pale blue. Springing from the base are a pair of wings for swiftness and prompt obedience, one on either side of the Tree of Knowledge; just rising from the branches of this is a dove, for love and gentleness. It is soaring up towards the crown above, to show that God is our King, and above us. Leaning against the trunk of the Tree of Knowledge is a ladder to show that our progress is gradual.-  
Millicent I. Baird (11)

VI. My eldest pupil Kathleen Wylie Hill (Class III.), has asked me to send you her idea for the Badge for the P.U.S. She has drawn it, but the result has not pleased her. She thinks that a design of mistletoe in a heart shape would be nice. Mistletoe in the time of the Druids meaning the plant of life. Life starting from the small seed dropped by the thrush in a new tree. She wanted to have the letters P.U.S. in the design. I hope this will not be too late for consideration. - O.T.

VII. I should like to have a Badge very much. I should like a shield with P.U.S. worked on it, to wear on my hat. I should like a brooch with a lark on it as well. - Cecily Taylor.

VIII. We have all thought about the Badge, but we are sorry we have so few ideas. Some suggested an oak tree, and others a brook, but we all like the idea of the lark best of all, in spite of its not living here. We will still think of it, however, and let you know if we decide on anything better. (Meadow pipits only sing as they come down, do they?) - Practising School.

IX. I am sending you my ideas for the Colours and the Badge for the Parents' Union School. I thought shaded green would be nice for the colour, because green is the colour of plants, and they get darker as they get older, and I thought it would be a nice emblem of us children growing. In the badge, I thought the all-coloured round would stand for the wholeness, and the rays of light for the school motto - one ray for "I am," another for "I ought," another for "I can", and another for "I will." Hoping we shall soon have our own badge. - Beatrice F. Newington.

X. The boys and I have been discussing the Badge, and we think that it would be nice to have some made for boys so that they could have them stitched on to their caps. - H.A.

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Parents' Union School.

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The question of the Badge is not settled yet. Miss Gray, the Secretary of the Students' Association, writes:- The general feeling seems to be for a badge in the form of a brooch - quite small - so that even the tinies could wear it - something that the children could wear during school hours, and so draw inspiration from it whilst doing P.U.S. work. I have made a little sketch of what we thought would be suitable: a circle bearing the motto round the edge and a lark in the centre, blue sky and green grass. The idea is that the lark (brown) is rising from the green grass and is soaring to the blue sky to derive life and inspiration from above, whilst the children's motto runs round the edge in green lettering on a silver ground. I have made enquiries, and the price for silver and enamel would be 4/6. Silver, with raised lettering and no enamel 3/6. Metal badges, enamelled, 3/-, Metal badges, with raised letters and no enamel 2/3.

Members are asked to send orders as soon as possible to Miss Gray, 5, Old Palace Lane, Richmond, that a die may be put in hand.



From  
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History of the  
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## OUR WORK.

*House of Education.*—May we call the reader's attention to a letter published in the *Times' Educational Supplement* for February 15th, from Mr. H. A. L. Fisher (President of the Board of Education) to the Principal of Somerville College, in which he says:—"Women training for the high profession of teaching are in a very real sense equipping themselves for a valuable and expert branch of National Service."

There will be one or two vacancies in the College at Easter, (a) for students taking the 2 years' course; (b) in the *Preparatory Class*, i.e., for intending students of 17 who wish to work up languages, music and mathematics before entering upon their training. In both cases there is a considerable reduction in fees for those entering during the war.

*The Practising School.*—There are two vacancies after Easter, one in Form IV. one in Form V.

### PARENTS' UNION SCHOOL.

*Parents' Union School.*—The examination papers will be sent out for Monday, March 26th.

We have one or two sets of papers left over from the Christmas examination which it is not possible to trace, as the name of the member is not given.

DEAR EDITOR,—Do you think there is any chance of their ever being general P.U.S. colours? Several children have said they wished they had them.

Yours, etc.,

JOYCE COUCHMAN.

[In 1903 the question of a badge was raised by Eric Bishop, in whose memory Mrs. Bishop gave us our beautiful P.U.S. badge, designed by Miss Dorothea Steinthal. The correspondence was taken up in 1903 by a letter from the House of Education Students' Association, and votes and suggestions were asked for. These resulted in the following, quoted from the December P.R., 1908:—"It has been decided to adopt the Lark. . . . Blue and white and brown have been suggested for the colours." In January, 1909, estimates were submitted and in February a number of the children's letters were published. In January, 1910, appeared a letter from the Secretary of the Students' Association, saying that: "The general feeling seems to be for a badge in the form of a brooch . . . a circle bearing a motto round the edge and a lark in the centre, blue sky and green grass." The original badge was a coloured button brooch in these three colours, but now we have our



beautiful oxydised silver badge (2/3 each, including postage, to be had from the London office), of which Miss Steinthal says: "Only the daisy has been added to the symbol of the lark soaring . . . because the daisy is the symbol of childhood." The original estimate for a hatband was 1/-, no doubt the cost would now be a little more. If sufficient requests for bands were sent in a fresh estimate would be obtained and the bands put in hand. The colours would be brown (lark), blue (sky), white (daisy).—ED.]

#### HOUSE OF EDUCATION.

#### REPORT UPON THE NATURE NOTE BOOKS SENT FOR MY INSPECTION, CHRISTMAS, 1916.

The sixteen books (presented by fifteen students) show a high standard of work. As examples of the simple observational study of Nature, they are excellent.

The Second Class I have made to receive those books which show too much unfinished work, rather than defective powers of observation. The observations range over a wide area—the sea, the dry land, the starry heavens yield up to these keen students their secrets of wonder and beauty in good measure.

To this same earnestness and eagerness our annual walk bore notable witness. It mattered not where we went: walking round the shores of the Rydal Lake, or climbing Loughrigg *en route* for Lily Tarn, or lingering long in the pleasant glades of the quiet "Nook," the enthusiasm and energy of the students acted as a marvellous stimulation; and it was always with great regret, amounting almost to positive distress, that our obdurate leader ordered us to turn our reluctant footsteps homeward.

The few points of criticism I have to offer concern themselves with the rather too great prevalence of unfinished work, markedly seen in the drawing up of the Bird and Flower Lists, which are often very crowded with many blanks waiting for the scientific names and the information to be supplied. The range of the Poetry, too, is rather narrow: the same well-known pieces repeating themselves in book after book. Students may be reminded that there are *other* Poets besides Spencer and Wordsworth, and that there is a great deal more of Browning than "Oh! to be in England," &c. Might I suggest that a good feature in much modern Poetry is its appreciation of the spiritual side of Nature, and I would hardly recommend a study of its best exponents to our Nature students. I am inclined to think that the paucity of notes in some of the books may be largely due to the excessive wet weather of much of the spring and summer.

I should like to say in conclusion that the books at the top of the List are amongst the best I have ever inspected; and that the last on the List is quite worthy. I heartily congratulate both the students and the staff on the successful results obtained during the depressing and anxious period through which we are now passing.

ALFRED THORNLEY,  
M.A., F.L.S.: F.E.S., F.R. Met. Socy.  
CLASS LIST.

#### CLASS I.

Balch, Nellie M.  
Bryson, Jenny.  
Oliver, Faith.  
Gross, B.  
Panter, M. L.

Osborne, Kathleen.  
Robotham, R. M.  
Orr, C. M.  
Bingham, B.E.

THE P.O.S. BADGE

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PARENTS' UNION SCHOOL

THE P.U.S. BADGE

Thirty years ago (in 1903) Eric Bishop wrote to Miss Mason and asked if it would be possible for the P.U.S. to have its own badge. There followed a great deal of correspondence as P.U.S. children were asked to make suggestions both as to the badge and the colours. In 1910 a letter appeared in the Parents' Review from the Secretary of the H.O.E Students' Association saying "that the general feeling seems to be for a badge in the form of a brooch, a circle bearing a motto round the ~~edge~~ and a lark in the centre". The original <sup>this</sup> badge was a coloured button <sup>brooch with a lark design</sup> ~~coloured blue, white, and brown;~~ blue for the sky and brown and white for the lark; but in 1915 <sup>at the Harrow</sup> Miss Steinthal designed <sup>a</sup> the badge which has been in use till <sup>present</sup> now, and to which she added a wreath of daisies, because, as she said, "the daisy is the symbol of childhood". Mrs Bishop most generously gave us this badge in memory of her son Eric, and has also contributed to the new one.

<sup>Both badges were</sup> ~~Both badges and colours have been~~ made by various firms and the bird seldom looked like a lark, while the colours, <sup>in</sup> by their variety, lost their significance, and Miss Steinthal <sup>made simple</sup> suggested in 1930 that she should ~~draw another design~~ which could be patented, so that every child should have a beautiful badge.



Miss Steinthal is herself an artist and a bird-lover and she writes, "this new design tries to fulfil Miss Mason's wish for the badge <sup>of</sup> her school as a skylark rising and singing." "Nothing can reproduce the beauty of its quivering wings, only an attempt made to suggest their being filled with air - beating it down so as to rise. The open beak and the head thrown back are to remind the children of the joyful energy of the skylark's song". "The bird's distinctive markings are shown in the short crest, the light eye stripe, the spur and the white feathers in the tail."

"In the  
Embroidered  
badge  
(which will  
be ready later)"

The Trustees have secured, with Miss Jotcham's help, an all-covering patent for the badge so that it can be no longer obtained anywhere but at the P.N.E.U. office. It is to be hoped that members will also <sup>use</sup> secure the colours which have been prepared from special yarns in the exact colourings and are therefore less likely to fade than others.

The new badge bears on the border the name of the Parents' Union School as well as is marked the circle is Kierkegaard's Symbolic word of the sky towards which the soul is striving out of the fact that there are some who at the P.U.S. all over the world. Some who at the badge motto will appear